GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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SCHOLARSHIP TO SC/ ST/ OBC` S
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission has rejected the proposal of scholarship scheme for SC/ST/OBC students as reported in the Times of India dated October 12, 2006;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether after Moily Committee suggestions, HRD Ministry has again put the said proposal before the Planning Commission;

(d) if so, the details of Moily Committee suggestions in this regard; and

(e) the action so far taken by the Planning Commission on Moily Committee suggestions in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) : No, Sir.

(b) : Does not arise.

(c) to (e): The Oversight Committee has recommended that at least 1,00,000 scholarships can be provided each year. In the draft approach paper for the XIth Five Year Plan of this Ministry, the Planning Commission has now indicated the need for granting scholarship to two percent of the student population, which is even higher.